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Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th and 48th meetings, on 15 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/624);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/72/802);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/789/Add.15);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (A/72/792);

(e) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/854).

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.40 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.44

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan" (A/C.5/72/L.44), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ireland and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.44 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1996 (2011) of 8 July 2011, by which the Council established, as from 9 July 2011, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2406 (2018) of 15 March 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 March 2019,

Recalling also its resolution 66/243 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/308 of 30 June 2017,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 398,569,032 United States dollars, representing some 5.8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 47 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[1] A/72/624, A/72/792 and A/72/802.

[2] A/72/789/Add.15 and A/72/854.

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to allocate an amount of 129,426,300 dollars for air operations from the overall resources for the Mission;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[4]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

13. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission;[5]

14. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 65,157,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in addition to the amount of 1,071,000,000 dollars already appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Mission under the terms of its resolution 71/308;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan the amount of 1,203,326,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of 1,124,960,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 58,064,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 14,607,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 5,693,700 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 601,663,300 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018, in accordance with the levels

[3] A/72/789/Add.15.
[4] A/72/624.
[5] A/72/792.

updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 14,547,150 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 11,289,650 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,345,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 626,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 285,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 249,075,668 dollars for the period from 1 January to 15 March 2019, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and updated levels;[6]

19. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 6,022,207 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,673,672 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 971,173 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 259,233 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 118,129 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

20. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 352,587,632 dollars for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of 100,277,217 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and updated levels,[6] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

21. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,524,943 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 6,615,978 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,374,777 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 366,967 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 167,221 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 20,511,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

23. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

of 20,511,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Further decides* that the decrease of 4,544,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 20,511,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan".